

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Vernon Rudolph
Charlson on his 100th birthday.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating Vernon Rudolph Charlson on his 100th birthday.

Whereas, Vernon Rudolph Charlson was born on February 22, 1909 in Chesterton, Indiana, a small town nestled between the rolling dunes of the Indiana Dunes State Park, the cosmopolitan center of Chicago and the shores of Lake Michigan;

Whereas, Vernon Charlson was dedicated to learning how to live a long and happy life. He attended Indiana University and received a Ph.D. in Health and Family Life Education;

Whereas, In his professional career as a teacher, Vernon Charlson was a baseball, football and basketball coach. In 1940, he led his Chesterton High School six man football team to a State championship. In 1953, he coached the Lew Wallace basketball team to the Indiana state semi-finals;

Whereas, In the late 1950s, Vernon Charlson became an Administrator of the Gary, Indiana Public Schools. As Administrator, Mr. Rudolph ensured that students had the benefit of social workers, psychologists, nurses, and special



needs programs. After retiring from education at age 65, Vernon Charlson became a licensed realtor and sold real estate for 15 years;

Whereas, Vernon Charlson was married to his late wife Evelyn S. Charlson for 71 years. Together, Vernon and Evelyn owned the Charlson Drive-In Restaurant, a popular dining stop of Gary, Indiana;

Whereas, Vernon Charlson is the proud father of two children, the ecstatic grandfather of six grandchildren and the wise great-grandpa of seven great-grandchildren. Perhaps Mr. Charlson has proven a large loving family is the secret to a long life; and

Whereas, Vernon Charlson is often quoted saying, "Forward ever, backward never" because, in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years; Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1: The Indiana Senate recognizes Vernon Rudolph
2 Charlson for becoming a centenarian by celebrating his 100th birthday
3 on February 22, 2009.

4 SECTION 2: The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
5 transmit three copies of this Resolution to Mr. Vernon Rudolph
6 Charlson and six to his granddaughter Holly Cole.

